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(OPI) Turn-Over of Soviet Personnel in Bad Freienwalde and Frankfurt/Oder

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1. Troops who arrived in Bad Freienwalde (N 53/V 28) aboard regular trains from the direction of Werswalde included 80 men on 25 June 1951; 490 men, including 40 airmen, on 26 June; and 300 men on 27 June. A shipment of 1,200 troops left Bad Freienwalde toward Frankfurt/Oder on 25 June. *
2. On the days preceding 26 June, Soviet officers were repeatedly seen arriving aboard the train from Reppen which was due in Frankfurt/Oder at 12:20 p.m. On 26 June, this train arrived at 1 p.m. with officers of various branches of service who subsequently went to the waiting rooms of the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station, while the station was cordoned off by military police and customs police. The officers went to the Hofbauer Kaserne on trucks [Redacted] which arrived at about 3 p.m. with officers and NCOs from the Hofbauer Kaserne who subsequently boarded the Reppen-bound train. **

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* [Redacted] Comment. The shipment of troops which left Bad Freienwalde eastbound is the sixth in a series in four-day intervals. It brings up the number of discharges who left the processing center there for the U.S.S.R. between 5 and 25 June 1951 to about 7,000. [Redacted] The four-day intervals between the outgoing shipments are used to assemble a trainload of discharges.

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** [Redacted] Comment. The train from Reppen is believed to be the Brest Litovsk-Frankfurt/Oder-Berlin leave train which is scheduled to arrive at Frankfurt/Oder at 12:14 p.m. There is no other train coming in from Reppen at that time. It is known from previous reports that Frankfurt/Oder is a turn-over point for personnel going on, or returning from, furlough who are processed through the transient quarters in the Hofbauer Kaserne, among other installations [Redacted]

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